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SOURCE EVALUATION

1. On 27 December 1954, rationing was discontinued and at the same time prices of certain articles, generally considered as non-essential, were lowered from five to ten percent. A strong increase was noted in certain other articles, examples of which are listed below:

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Prior to 27 Dec 54 After 27 Dec 54

a. 1,000 kilograms of wood for heating	100 lei	409 lei
b. Pair of shoes	80 lei	380 lei
c. A man's suit	360 lei	900 lei
d. A man's coat	500 lei	1,100 lei

2. In 1954, an individual was able to buy 3,000 kilograms of wood for fuel for 300 lei, the allocation for a family of four persons. In 1955, he was able to buy 40 percent of his wood for heating at the old price of 120 lei and 60 percent at the new price of 720 lei, the total being 840 lei. This amounts to an increase of 540 lei or approximately 180 percent.
3. To compensate for his loss, a worker received in place of ration ticket "C" (held by light workers) 51 lei per month; for ration ticket "D-2" (held by the wife of the former), 38 lei per month; for ration ticket "D-1" (held by a child of less than 15 years), 43 lei. The actual salary remained unchanged. The above allocation was to compensate for the suppression of food tickets. For clothing and heating materials, there was no compensation.
4. The compensatory expenses are supported as follows:
 - a. State enterprises - supported entirely by the Ministry of Finance.

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- b. Artisans' Cooperatives - 65 percent supported by the Ministry of Finance and 35 percent by the cooperatives themselves.
- c. Food Cooperatives - 75 percent supported by the Ministry of Finance and 25 percent by the cooperatives themselves.

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